

Seven goal rout at Loakes Park

Wycombe Wanderers 7, Corinthian Casuals 0.

ROTHMANS Isthmian League Division 1 basement club Corinthian Casuals proved hopelessly inadequate to deal with the full power of Wycombe Wanderers on Sunday and were unceremoniously thrashed to the tune of seven goals at Loakes Park.

This was the first time a league match was staged at Loakes Park on a Sunday and despite the weather, a crowd of over 2,000 attended the game. And they were soon treated to a feast of attacking football from the home side.

In the very first minute Dylan Evans saw his shot pushed

off the line by full back Franklin and then Terry Reardon, recently signed from neighbours Slough Town, fired inches past the upright.

Reardon, however, was not to be denied. In the fourth minute he picked up a half clearance from the Casuals' defence

and blasted the ball into the corner of the net through a crowded goalmouth.

Leading goalscorer Tony Horseman went within inches of making it 2-0 before he eventually found the net via the penalty spot in the 14th minute.

Horseman himself was barged over inside the box and referee Patten had no hesitation in awarding the penalty. "Bodger" promptly pushed the ball wide of Chris Lamb.

Four minutes later Horseman saw his effort hit the base of the upright as Wycombe continued to press forward unceasingly. New keeper Kevin Raine hardly touched the ball in the first 30 minutes and what possession Casuals did win was badly wasted by inaccurate passing.

Only centre forward Keith Eshelby matched Wycombe for skill and he was left to fight a hopeless battle alone upfront.

After 26 minutes Wanderers went three up. Mick Holifield took a corner which was helped on its way by Larry Pritchard. The ball curled in and struck full back Imison before rolling over the line.

Lamb saved brilliantly from a Steve Perrin header on the half hour but towards the end of the first half Wycombe tended to bunch too much and many promising moves were wasted. Just before the break Chillingworth headed wide from Casuals' one and only corner.

Holifield, Wycombe's man of the match, made it 4-0 in the 61st minute with a superb individual effort. Beating three defenders in a run that stretched from outside the penalty area to the six yard box Holifield drove the ball firmly under the diving body of Lamb for a glorious goal.

Three successive corners followed as Wycombe started to rub salt into the visitors wound. Holifield produced almost a carbon copy of his first goal to put the Blues 5-0 ahead and then Pritchard got into the scoring act in the 81st minute.

Roger Grant took a corner on the left and his kick was met firmly at the near post by Pritchard who gave Lamb no chance with a well placed header.

A minute later Evans completed the seventh. Pritchard fashioned the goal with a brilliant cross field pass to Grant who took the ball to the line before crossing for Evans to head home at the far post.

Evans netted again minutes later only to be ruled offside and then in the 85th minute King almost headed an own goal.